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Urban District Council of Swaffham.

Thirteenth Annual report of the Medical Officer  
of Health.

Area in Acres. 7144. Census population. 3371.  
Density of Population 1 Person to 2 acres.

Gentlemen.

In making my thirteenth Annual report to your Council in compliance with the 18<sup>th</sup> Article Section 14. of an order issued from the Local Government Board in 1880, according to my usual custom I will first submit the records of Births & Deaths which have occurred in the town and workhouse.

During the year 1902, The Births registered in the whole town including the workhouse & born in the workhouse numbered 71, giving a Birth rate of 21.06 per thousand of the whole town of these 29 were Boys and 42 girls.

The Deaths numbered 54 for the whole town including & in the workhouse this calculated on the whole population of 3371, will give a Death rate of 16.01 per thousand.

With reference to sex. 25 were Males and 26 Females.

The Deaths of Children under 1 year numbered 4 giving a death rate of 2.3 per thousand calculated on the number born during the year. 2 were of Premature Birth.

The following table classifies the Age at which death occurred in the whole town.

Deaths under one year. - - - -	4
" 1 year and under. 5: . . . .	2.
" 5 years " " 15: - - - -	-
" 15 years " " 25: - - - -	1
" 25 years " " 65: - - - -	4
" 65 years and upwards.	37.
Total.	<u>54.</u>

The Grouping into various ages is in conformity with the Age as fixed by the Local Government Board and accompanies this report:

#### Notification Act:

During the year 1902. 13 Cases of an Infectious disease have been reported to the Viz.

Scarlet-Fever 11.

Erysipelas. 2.

all these cases were of a mild form and were visited by me and your Inspector, and all necessary precautions taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

No Death was reported from the Principal Zymotic diseases.

Cancer was the Cause of 3 Persons.

Phthisis and other Pulmonary ~~diseases~~ diseases caused the death of three persons.

Whooping Cough and Measles - Have been very prevalent during the year. As the School was closed for three weeks after the Summer holidays, as so many children were suffering from these diseases, one death occurred in December from Whooping Cough.

#### General Health:

on the whole the health of the town has been good.

The Sewerage works are now in a satisfactory condition.

#### The Water:

The water supplied to the town by the Public Company during the year has been good in quality and quantity, and the supply has been varied to Providence Street. This is a step in the right direction.

I have at regular intervals inspected all parts of the town and where necessary ordered nuisance to be abated:

I have the Honour  
to remain

Yours obediently.

R. W. Thomas

L. R. Y. P. L. R. Y. S. L. H. & Co.

Medical Officer of Health.

Swaffham Urban District Council.





TABLE I.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1902 and Previous Years.

Name of District *Suffham Urban District Council.*

YEAR.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.		TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.				TOTAL DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITU- TIONS IN THE DISTRICT.	Deaths of Non- residents registered in Public Institu- tions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institu- tions beyond the District.	NETT DEATHS AT ALL AGES BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Number.	Rate.*	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.					Number.	Rate.*	Number.	Rate.*
				Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered.	Number.	Rate.*							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
1892.														
1893.														
1894.														
1895.														
1896.														
1897.														
1898.														
1899.														
1900.														
1901.														
Averages for years 1892-1901.														
1902.	3371.	71.	21.06.	7.	2.07.	52.	16.01.	52.	5.	8.	52.	16.07.		

\* Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

NOTE.—The deaths to be included in Column 7 of this table are the whole of those registered during the year as having actually occurred within the district or division. The deaths to be included in Column 12 are the number in Column 7, corrected by the subtraction of the number in Column 10 and the addition of the number in Column 11.

By the term “Non-residents” is meant persons brought into the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and dying in public institutions there; and by the term “Residents” is meant persons who have been taken out of the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and have died in public institutions elsewhere.

The “Public institutions” to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables are those into which persons are habitually received on account of sickness or infirmity, such as hospitals, workhouses and lunatic asylums. A list of the Institutions in respect of the deaths in which corrections have been made should be given on the back of this Table.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water).	<i>7144</i>	Total population at all ages.....	<i>3371.</i>	} At Census of 1901.
		Number of inhabited houses.....	<i>280.</i>	
		Average number of persons per house.....	<i>12.0</i>	

I. Institutions within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District.	II. Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District.	III. Other Institutions, the deaths in which have been distributed among the several localities in the District.
Is the Union Workhouse within the District ? _____		

TABLE II.

Vital Statistics of separate Localities in 1902 and previous years.

Name of District *South American District Council*

1. NAMES OF LOCALITIES.	2.				3.				4.				5.				6.				7.			
	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each Year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population esti- mated to middle of each year.	Births regis- tered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
YEAR.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.
1892 ...																								
1893 ...																								
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1896 ...																								
1897 ...																								
1898 ...																								
1899 ...																								
1900 ...																								
1901 ...																								
Averages of Years 1892 to 1901.																								
1902 ...	3371.	71.	54.	4.																				

NOTES.—(a) The separate localities adopted for this table should be areas of which the populations are obtainable from the census returns, such as wards, parishes or groups of parishes, or registration sub-districts. Block 1 may, if desired, be used for the whole district: and blocks 2, 3, &c., for the several localities. In small districts without recognised divisions of known population this Table need not be filled up.

(b) Deaths of residents occurring in public institutions beyond the district are to be included in sub-columns c of this table, and those of non-residents registered in public institutions in the district excluded. (See note on Table I. as to meaning of terms "resident" and "non-resident.")

(c) Deaths of residents occurring in public institutions, whether within or without the district, are to be allotted to the respective localities according to the addresses of the deceased.

(d) Care should be taken that the gross totals of the several columns in this Table respectively equal the corresponding totals for the whole districts in Tables I. and IV.: thus, the totals of sub-columns a, b, and c should agree with the figures for the year in the columns 2, 3, and 12, respectively, of Table I.: the gross total of the sub-columns c should agree with the total of column 2 in Table IV., and the gross total of sub-columns d with the total of column 3 in Table IV.





TABLE III.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1902.  
Name of District *Surfham Urban District Council*

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.						TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.							NO. OF CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL FROM EACH LOCALITY.						
	At all Ages.	At Age†—Years.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.														
Small-pox ...																				
Cholera ...																				
Diphtheria ...																				
Membranous croup ...																				
Erysipelas ...	2.																			
Scarlet fever ...	11.																			
Typhus fever ...																				
Enteric fever ...																				
Relapsing fever ...																				
Continued fever...																				
Puerperal fever ...																				
Plague ...																				
*																				
Totals ...	13.				11.	2.														

NOTES.—The localities adopted for this table should be the same as those in Tables II. and IV.

State in space below the name of the isolation hospital, if any, to which residents in the district, suffering from infectious disease, are usually sent. Mark (H) the locality in which it is situated, or if not within the district, state where it is situated. Mark (W) the locality in which a workhouse is situated.

\* This space may be used for record of other disease the notification (compulsory or voluntary) of which is in force in the district.

† These age columns for notifications should be filled up in all cases where the Medical Officer of Health, by inquiry or otherwise, has obtained the necessary information.

Isolation Hospital *In Conjunction with Rural District Council.*



# Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1902.

Name of District Suffolk and Urban Sanitary Council.

(See Notes at Back.)

CAUSES OF DEATH.	DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES.							DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO LOCALITIES (AT ALL AGES).							TOTAL DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.
	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Small-pox ...															
Measles ...															
Scarlet fever ...															
Whooping-cough ...	/.		/												
Diphtheria and membranous croup ...															
Croup ...															
{ Typhus ...															
Fever { Enteric ...															
{ Other continued															
Epidemic influenza ...															
Cholera ...															
Plague ...															
Diarrhœa. (See notes at back.)															
Enteritis. (See notes at back.)															
Puerperal fever ...															
Erysipelas ...															
Other septic diseases...															
Phthisis ...	1.					1									
Other tubercular diseases.	2	2													
Cancer, malignant disease.	3					3.									
Bronchitis ...	3	1.					2.								
Pneumonia ...	2.		1		1										
Pleurisy ...															
Other diseases of Respiratory organs.															
Alcoholism } Cirrhosis of liver }															
Venereal diseases ...															
Premature birth ...	2.	2.													
Diseases and accidents of parturition.															
Heart diseases ...	7.					1.	6.								
Accidents ...															
Suicides ...															
Influenza.....	1.						1								
.....															
.....															
.....															
.....															
All other causes ...	32.	2.					26.								
All causes ...	54	4.	2.		1	7.	37.								13.



NOTES.—(a) In this Table all deaths of "Residents" occurring in public institutions, whether within or without the district, are to be included with the other deaths in the columns for the several age groups (columns 2-8). They are also, in columns 9-15, to be included among the deaths in their respective "Localities" according to the previous addresses of the deceased as given by the Registrars. Deaths of "Non-residents" occurring in public institutions in the district are in like manner to be excluded from columns 2-8 and 9-15 of this Table.

(b) See notes on Table I. as to the meaning of "Residents" and "Non-residents," and as to the "Public Institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables. The "Localities" should be the same as those in Tables II. and III.

(c) All deaths occurring in public institutions situated within the district, whether of "Residents" or of "Non-residents," are, in addition to being dealt with as in note (a), to be entered in the last column of this Table. The total number in this column should equal the figures for the year in column 9, Table I.

(d) The total deaths in the several "Localities" in columns 9-15 of this Table should equal those for the year in the same localities in Table II., sub-columns c. The total deaths at all ages in column 2 of this Table should equal the gross total of columns 9-15, and the figures for the year in column 12 of Table I.

(e) Under the heading of "Diarrhœa" are to be included deaths certified as from diarrhœa, alone or in combination with some other cause of ill-defined nature; and also deaths certified as from

Epidemic enteritis;  
Zymotic enteritis;  
Epidemic diarrhœa. Summer diarrhœa;  
Dysentery and dysenteric diarrhœa;  
Choleraic diarrhœa, cholera, cholera nostras  
(in the absence of Asiatic cholera).

Under the heading of "Enteritis" are to be included those certified as from Gastro-enteritis, Muco-enteritis, and Gastric catarrh, unless from information obtained by enquiry from the certifying practitioner or otherwise, the Medical Officer of Health should have reason for including such deaths, especially those of infants, under the specific term "Diarrhœa."

Deaths from diarrhœa secondary to some other well-defined disease should be included under the latter.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables I., II., III. and IV., attention has been given to the notes on the Tables.

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Date *5<sup>th</sup> March* 1903.